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After the death of his wife, Mary (Pounds) Satterwhite (March 14, 1857), Thomas Satterwhite married (June 8, 1858) Martha Case of Camden, Arkansas, by whom he had no issue. He died April 27, 1859, and was buried at Camden, Ouachita county, Arkansas. His tomb still stands and on it may be seen a Masonic (Blue Lodge) Emblem. The Satterwhites were members of the Baptist branch of the Protestant Church. Politically, Thomas Satterwhite belonged to that party organization known as WHIGS. Children of Thomas Satterwhite and his wife, Mary (Pounds) Satterwhite, were:

I James Smith, September 14, 1826
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